



## State Representative Penny Bacchiodchi

Dear Friend,

The 2006 legislative session was a beneficial one for the 52nd District.

Annual state grant totals for Somers, Stafford and Union are up from last year, including funding for road maintenance and local schools.

We also authorized **supplemental special education grants** for local school districts that will be disbursed in 2007, including **\$117,918 for Somers, \$113,962 for Stafford, and \$741 for Union.**

Several additional grants for our towns were approved as well, including:

- **\$1.3 million for two highway projects in Somers**, the realignment of Route 83 in the vicinity of Parker Road to improve sight lines, and improvements to the intersection of Route 190 and Gulf /Turnpike Road (Route 528).
- **\$225,000 for two Somers projects**, including \$200,000 for the installation of sidewalks on the north side of Main Street in Somersville, and \$25,000 to develop a master plan for streetscape improvements on Main Street.
- **\$494,319 for a Stafford sidewalk replacement project.**
- **\$250,000 for several Stafford recreation projects.**
- **\$148,620 for the reconstruction of Rindge Road in Union.**

Thank you for the honor and privilege of representing you at our state legislature in Hartford.

Sincerely,



Rep. Bacchiodchi joins students Allyson O'Donnell, Sarah Potrikus, and Jessica Machnicki at the town's Memorial Day observance at Somers High School.

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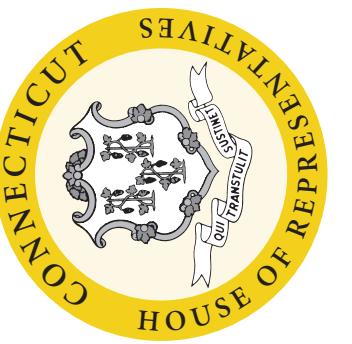
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# 2006 LEGISLATIVE REPORT



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**Representative Bacchiodi researches a bill on her computer during a recess on the State House floor during the 2006 legislative session.**

### Protecting Your Interests

During the 2006 session, as always, I worked on behalf of the 52nd District's families, children, seniors and taxpayers. I supported measures to spur economic growth, create jobs, preserve the environment, and protect consumers.

### Supporting Manufacturing

Connecticut manufacturers are struggling to remain competitive with their out-of-state counterparts. To help level the playing field, I cosponsored a law that exempts machinery and equipment from the property tax to strengthen our manufacturing sector and preserve and create thousands of jobs.

### Encouraging Film Production in CT

To underscore the state's commitment to encouraging movie and digital media production in Connecticut, I cosponsored an act requiring the Commission on Culture and Tourism to implement new film and digital media tax credits and promote movie and digital media production and post-production here.

### Nurturing Microbusinesses and New Companies

Under an act I cosponsored, the state will provide matching financial assistance for microbusinesses that receive funding through two federal programs, and venture capital for newly-established or expanding businesses that are in the early stages of developing new products and processes.

### Office of the Business Advocate

An Office of the Business Advocate is established under a law I cosponsored. The office will contact micro and small businesses that could benefit from business assistance programs, provide information about the programs, and help businesses access them.

### Encouraging Math and Science Proficiency

I cosponsored legislation that creates three pilot programs for certain teenage students to help them attain proficiency in mathematics and science and to prepare them for future employment with technology-based companies in Connecticut.



**Rep. Bacchiodi with Stafford First Selectman Allen Bacchiodi and Selectwoman Kathy Prudden at a meeting of the Council of Small Towns at the State Capitol.**

Rep. Bacchiodi examines equipment used by the Connecticut National Guard's 14th Civil Support Team - Weapons of Mass Destruction, with Lt. Col. Joe Danao, the unit's commander, during a tour of the State Armory in Hartford.



### Property Tax Relief for Seniors

Municipalities will be allowed to freeze property taxes for certain elderly persons under an act I supported. To be eligible for the benefit, homeowners or their spouses must be age 70 or older, have lived in the state for at least one year, and meet the same income limits that apply to the existing state-reimbursed "circuit breaker" program.

### Helping Disabled Veterans

Veterans' disability payments will be excluded in the calculation of income to determine eligibility for income-based property tax exemptions under a new law I supported.

### Breast Cancer Screening

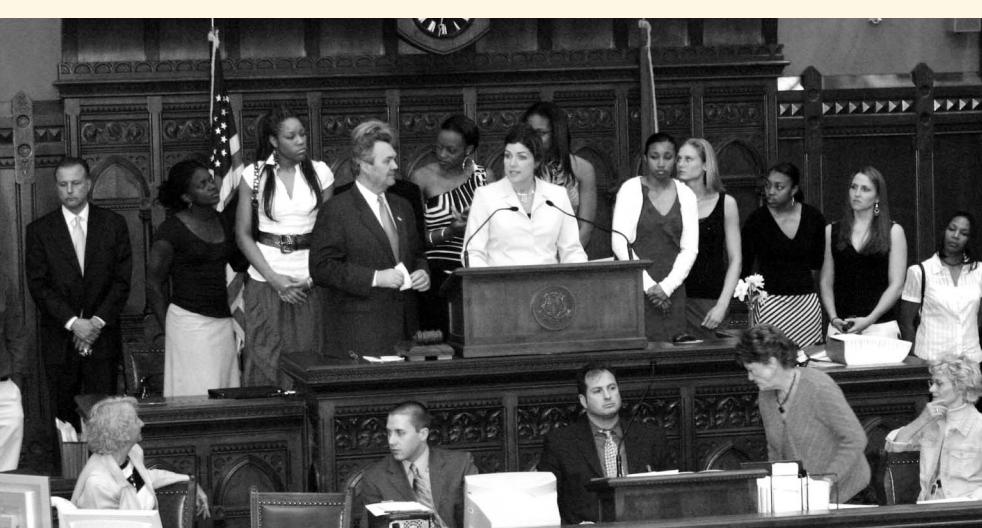
I supported a law to require insurers to provide added coverage for breast cancer screening if a woman is believed to be at increased risk for breast cancer because of family history, her prior breast cancer history, or other indications determined by her physician.

### Encroachment on Open Space Land

To help preserve undeveloped acreage in Connecticut, I supported an act that prohibits anyone from encroaching on open space land owned by the state or a nonprofit land conservation organization without permission or legal authorization.

### State Budget

I supported the 2006-07 budget because it helps Connecticut's families, is fiscally responsible, and will help stimulate economic growth and create jobs. It increases the tax credit property owners can take to reduce their state income tax liability to \$500 for the 2006 tax year. It allows parents to deduct contributions to the state-sponsored college savings plan from their adjusted gross income for state income tax purposes. It makes prudent use of the state surplus by replenishing the rainy day fund and directing \$245.7 million to the underfunded Teachers' Retirement Fund.



**Representative Bacchiodi introduces the University of Connecticut women's basketball team to the state House of Representatives on "Husky Day" 2006.**



**Representative Bacchiodi and her son Anthony attend the Stafford Little League's Legends Night.**